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The Indiana General Assembly passed legislation to expand the distribution and use of naloxone rescue kits. This legislation is referred to as Aaron's Law after Aaron Sims of Indianapolis, who died in 2013 at the age of 20 from a heroin overdose. Naloxone is a life-saving overdose intervention drug for individuals who are experiencing an opioid overdose. Laypeople are now allowed to carry and administer naloxone. If they administer it in good faith and follow certain requirements, they are protected from civil liability.

To make naloxone rescue kits more accessible, entities can now sell or distribute naloxone to laypeople and first responders. Due to this increased accessibility, distributing entities must follow additional requirements. As a result, the optin.in.gov website was created to help the public locate naloxone distributors. Distributing entities can also use this site to manage their registration.

Entities are required to:

1. Provide education and training on drug overdose response and treatment to individuals they sell or distribute rescue kits to. This training includes the administration of naloxone and calling 9-1-1 immediately before or after administering the drug.
2. Provide drug addiction treatment information and referrals to drug treatment programs, including programs in the local area and programs that offer medication-assisted treatment.
3. Register annually with the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) to sell or distribute an overdose intervention drug. An entity includes a pharmacy that sells naloxone or a group that has the rescue kits on hand to distribute free of charge. Examples of these groups include treatment centers, overdose prevention organizations and local health departments.
4. Registered entities are also required to keep their information up-to-date. This includes their listed phone number and whether they still offer naloxone rescue kits.

Entities are also required to report their annual sales or distribution activities by Dec. 31 of each year but may submit monthly reports. Required information includes the volume of sales or distribution, broken down by the technique used to administer the naloxone (intranasal, auto injector or other injectable). Currently, more than 800 entities are registered for optIN. These entities range from single-location facilities to larger companies with locations statewide.

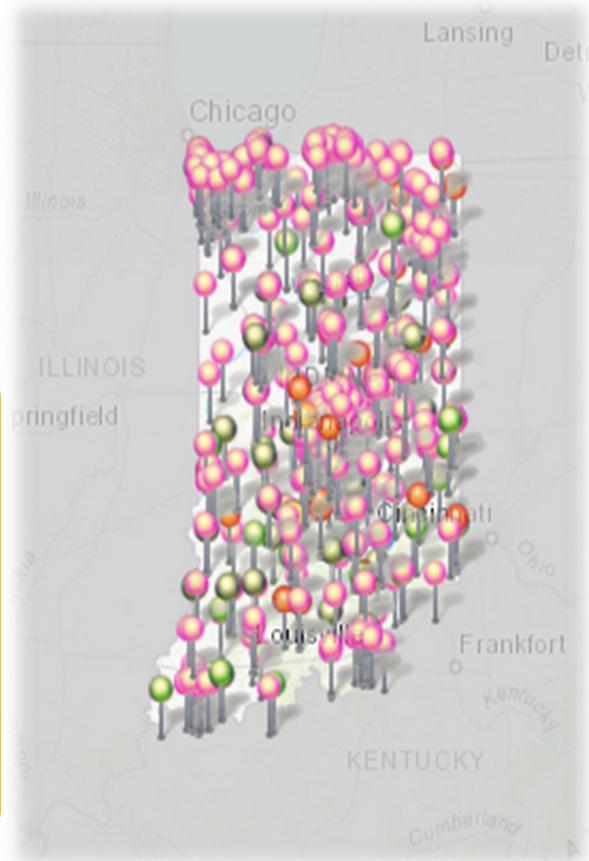
Registering with OptIN

1. Visit optIN.in.gov.
2. Select "Register as a New Naloxone Entity".
3. Follow the prompts.

Additional tasks

For registered entities that want to update their contact or organization information, submit their annual report and/or obtain a copy of the Indiana State Health Commissioner's standing order:

1. Visit optIN.in.gov.
2. Select "Current Entities Only".
3. Follow the prompts.



Where can I find a naloxone rescue kit?

To locate the nearest entity, visit <https://optIN.in.gov/>.

1. Select the "Find Naloxone Entity" tab.
2. Enter the search criteria in the filter box, and select "Filter."
3. Hover over the pins for name, phone number and address.

You can also report if a listed entity does not have naloxone available.

1. Select the "Contact" tab.
2. Complete the "Contact an IDOH OptIN Administrator" form and submit.
3. A member of the optIN team will contact you.

For additional information on OptIN, visit:

[OptIN.IN.gov](https://optIN.IN.gov)

IN.gov/Health/Overdose-Prevention

